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9 July 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Purchase of Household Furnishings for Dependent  
Housing - [REDACTED]

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1. In the early stages of Project CHALICE, it was determined that personnel assigned to the overseas bases would be assigned on a TDY basis without dependents, and that these personnel would reside on the respective base of assignment in bachelor-type quarters. This decision was concurred in, informally, by you at that time.

2. In the Fall of 1957, a review of assignments to the overseas bases was conducted and a determination was made to permit the Contract Pilots and certain key CIA staff and military personnel to be accompanied by their families. It was also determined that the Project would arrange for housing for these personnel and their dependents and that housing would be considered Government-provided quarters.

3. The furnishings for housing at [REDACTED] were purchased for the most part in a package arrangement from [REDACTED] Property Disposal Firm. This was considered to be the most advantageous arrangement to the Government, even though some items received in the package sale were not included as items of issue in [REDACTED]

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4. The furnishings for housing at [REDACTED] however, were purchased on the open market as required and due to the political uncertainty and temporary nature of our overseas activity in that country, dependents were advised to ship a minimum of personal effects. To expedite the settlement of dependents at [REDACTED] the project purchased, in addition to normal [REDACTED] issues, the following items of furnishings for dependent housing:

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Twenty-three (23) Clothes Dryers	\$3,416.53
China, Tableware, and miscellaneous	
Kitchen Utensils	4,236.20
TOTAL	\$7,652.73

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It was felt that by limiting families to a minimum of encumbering baggage and household effects, the unit would retain the mobility features imposed on it by the nature of the CHALICE operation. It should be mentioned that inadequate laundry and clothes drying facilities were present at [REDACTED] where crowded quarters and climatic conditions made it infeasible to use outside air drying facilities. Had dryers not been purchased, funds would of necessity been expended to construct a central laundry facility in the compound, in an amount greater than the cost of individual dryers. In the case of the china, tableware and kitchen utensils, no like items were available, even for short term

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issue, from [redacted] or military assets in the area. The [redacted] has been directed to make no further purchases of this nature as all anticipated requirements have been filled.

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5. Your approval is requested for the purchase and issue of the above items, in the amount of \$7,653.75, as being in addition to items allowable under [redacted]

SIGNED  
WILLIAM BRYCE  
Colonel, USAF  
Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

CONCUR:

SIGNED 23 JUL 1959  
JAMES A. CUMMINGS, JR.  
Chief, Administrative Branch, DPD-DD/P

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Chief, Materiel Branch, DPD-DD/P

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L. K. WHITE  
Deputy Director (Support)

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